

A Special Report from
ASSEMBLYMAN

Pete
Lopez



Dear Friends,

Last year, Governor Andrew Cuomo ushered in change with the promise of transforming our state.



The choices have proven difficult, and even more intense given the unyielding pressure of the recession. If we are to break the downward spiral that grips our state and nation, we must rebuild our economy, create jobs and transform government – at every level.

In our region, the challenges have been compounded by the widespread devastation and loss resulting from Hurricane Irene and Tropical Storm Lee. With our homes, farms and businesses at risk, we must continue to make our communities a priority to help them rebuild and recover.

The courage, compassion and determination of our people in the face of these challenges clearly demonstrate the true spirit of the Empire State. As we continue to work together, I know we will emerge stronger and more sustainable.

Sincerely,

Assemblyman Pete Lopez

Frequently Asked Questions:

What does the work of an Assembly Member consist of when they're not in session?

Pete's Answer: I work seven days a week and travel some 1,000 miles a week to help address the critical needs and priorities of the people across the seven counties in the 127th Assembly District. My priority is to serve communities, as well as help individuals, farms, families and businesses with job creation, healthcare, public safety, flood recovery, education and much more.

Want more information?

Have an idea, suggestion or concern?

Give Pete a call, or drop him a line at any of the following!

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Pete Lopez: TRANSFORMING NEW YORK

Update on Flood Relief

Like many of us, Pete's family and staff have been personally affected by Irene and Lee. Deeply distressed by the impact, Pete has dedicated himself to helping people rebuild. Even now, he continues to work tirelessly across our region to address a host of complex, emotional issues ranging from housing, insurance, and infrastructure repair, to stream stabilization and business/farm redevelopment.

In this effort, Pete continues to partner at local, state and federal levels to take on individual and regional projects, while securing public and private investment. Two of Pete's major accomplishments include securing a \$50 million State Legislative aid package for flood recovery and convincing Governor Cuomo to have the state pay for public flood recovery projects – providing tens of millions of dollars more in relief to struggling communities, while avoiding massive additional expenses for local taxpayers.

Pete knows that many of our neighbors across the district continue to suffer. If you, or someone you know, need help, please reach out to Pete and his staff.

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NEW YORK STATE BUDGET

In his State of the State and budget messages, Governor Cuomo called for a transformation of New York. Pete has actively supported this goal, and helped position the state for future growth and vitality.

Critical priorities have included:

1: Controlling spending by closing multi-billion dollar budget deficits without raising taxes or incurring future debt.

2: Stimulating investment in economic development, global marketing and infrastructure improvements to help New York lead in innovation and job creation.

3: Maintaining services and programs to meet state obligations while living within our means.

Working with his colleagues and the Governor, Pete has helped make important strides to address these concerns, and continues to aggressively pursue these priorities.

“We’ve come this far, yet the question remains: Do we have the collective will to make the needed changes?”

A BALANCED BUDGET: ONLY PART OF THE SOLUTION

Pete knows that balancing the budget alone cannot bring about the “transformation” the Governor has called for. In order to truly reform our state and ensure a successful future for us all, we must focus on:

Rebuilding Our Economy:

Pete is actively working to rebuild our local economy, putting special emphasis on tourism, agriculture and manufacturing, and alternate energy, while highlighting successful local projects as models for further public and private investment. He continues to press the Governor and state leaders to help make NYS business friendly and help regain its rightful position as the Empire State.

Jobs, Jobs, Jobs:

Pete continues to protect local jobs and promote new ones. He works with countless small businesses on their individual issues and has advanced over 100 new jobs at a school for children with Autism, intervened to keep a global pharmaceutical company from leaving NYS – protecting 200 jobs and making new investments – expanded Internet access in our rural areas and recruited a world-renowned cheese producer from overseas to partner with our farm community. Pete also has been working with the Governor's Regional Council initiative to secure millions to support business growth and create new private-sector jobs in the region.

Transforming Government:

Pete continues to seek ways for improving local services and reducing costs by thinking outside the box. Removing unfunded mandates and giving local communities more flexibility are key to making sure our communities remain sustainable.

